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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

By letter dated 30 July 1975, you requested certain information relative to the Mayaguez affair. Except for the chronology of events, which I understand the State Department has already provided you and which includes all essential events which took place with respect to the Mayaguez incident, most of the data you have requested is in extremely sensitive security categories.

When Congress reconvenes next month, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this material and, if you wish, to either brief the Committee in executive session or provide access to it under mutually agreed arrangements.

Please be assured of my desire to cooperate with you and the Committee in this matter.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby Director

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